Dear Juno, or any other teenager in her situation,

I’m sorry that you are in this position. I understand that you were bored, but there are always more ideal circumstances to have sex. You should have waited until you were married. If you don’t agree with me than at least wait until you are in a steady relationship with someone, who loves you, and you know loves you back. Raising a child is much easier when there is someone by your side, who actually wants to be there, and who will help take care of the baby.

I believe your decision to give your baby up for adoption was the right choice. As someone who was adopted, thank you for choosing to give your baby to a family that needed and wanted one. I know from what my parents have told me how hard it was for my birthmother to give me up for adoption. But because I was adopted I have been given more opportunities and I wouldn't change the family I was raised in for the world. Any life that is saved is a blessing.

I will however not completely dismiss abortion. In some situations it is better to get an abortion. For example, they’re too young (like you were), can’t afford to get pregnant, or come from a shaky background where the baby could be harmed in any way. You are fortunate to have a family that supported you. The same cannot be said for other girls. Some girls do not have a family that supports them and their only option is to get an abortion. Even though all women/ girls have the right to get an abortion under Roe vs Wade or the fourteenth amendment, their choices are taken away by their parents and/ or society. Even though it wasn't the most convenient time to have a baby, you were brave, and selfless to want to carry the baby to full term. I believe you made the right choice, and hopefully in the future when you are ready, you will have a child that you can call your own and raise it with all the love that you would have given to the child you chose to give up for adoption.

Sincerely,

Annalise L.